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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

9 December 1965

The Honorable U. Alexis Johnson
Deputy Under Secretary for Political Affairs
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Dear Alex:

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In reply to your question as to the advisability of using the capability in the at the present time, I appreciate that we would be risking an important asset. I question, however, our ability to judge when it might be employed more profitably, since the international situation a month from now is not likely to be any more favorable.

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